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| Attorney Docket No.    | 5029.1006  |
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| First Inventor         | Rainer BICKER  |
| Title                  | METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING<br>SURFACE TENSION USING THE BUBBLE<br>PRESSURE METHOD |
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| APPLICATION ELEMENTS  |   |  | Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Boy 1450 |   |   |   |  |
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| 1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) 2.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 3.  Specification [Total Pages 14] (preferred arrangement set forth below) - Descriptive title of the Invention - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D   |   |  |   | 7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)  8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)  a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)  b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  ii. paper  c. Statements verifying identity of above copies |   |   |  |
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|   |   |                   | Application Number   | To be assigned |  |  |
| <b>☆</b> for FY 2004                                  |   | Filing Date       | Herewith             |                |  |  |
| 17236   | Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision. |                   | First Named Inventor | Rainer BICKER  |  |  |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 |   | Examiner Name     | To be assigned       |                |  |  |
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| Deposit<br>Account   | 50-0552   | 1051   | 130                         | 2051        |             | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |  |
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| Account<br>Name  | Davidson Davidson & Kappel, LLC   | 1053   | 130                         | 1053        | 130         | Non-English specification  |          |  |
| The Commission   | er is authorized to: (check all that apply)                             | 1812   | 2,520                       | 1812        | 2,520       | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |  |
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| to the above-ident   | ified deposit account.  | 1251   | 110                         | 2251        | 55          | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |  |
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| 1. BASIC FILIN   |   | 1253   | 950                         | 2253        | 475         | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |  |
|  | Small Entity  | 1254   | 1,480                       | 2254        | 740         | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |  |
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|  | Faiu  | 1401   | 330                         | 2401        | 165         | Notice of Appeal   |          |  |
|  | 2001 385 Utility filing fee 770   | 1402   | 330                         | 2402        | 165         | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |  |
|  | 170 Design filing fee   | 1403   | 290                         | 2403        | 145         | Request for oral hearing   |          |  |
| 1004 770 2   | 2004 385 Reissue filing fee   | 1451   | 1,510                       | 2451        | 1,510       | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |  |
| 1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filling fee                           |   | 1452   | 110                         | 2452        | 55          | Petition to revive – unavoidable   |          |  |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 770  |   | 1453   | 1,330                       | 2453        | 665         | Petition to revive – unintentional   |          |  |
|  |   | 1501   | 1,330                       | 2501        | 665         | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |  |
| 2. EXTRA CLA   | IM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE   | 1502   | 480                         | 2502        | 240         | Design issue fee   |          |  |
|  | Extra Fee from Fee<br>Claims below Paid                                 | 1503   | 640                         | 2503        | 320         | Plant issue fee  |          |  |
| Total Claims 16  | -20 ** = 0 X 18 = 0   | 1460   | 130                         | 1460        | 130         | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |  |
| Independent  |   | 1807   | 50                          | 1807        | 50          | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)                                       |          |  |
| Claims 2   | -3 ** = 0 X 86 = 0  | 1806   | 180                         | 1806        | 180         | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |  |
| Multiple Dependent = 0   |   | 8021   | 40                          | 8021        | 40          | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40       |  |
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| 1202 18<br>1201 86   | 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3 | 1810   | 770                         | 2810        | 385         | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |  |
| 1201 00  | 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                          | 1801   | 770                         | 2801        | 385         | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |  |
| 1204 86 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |   | 1802   | 900                         | 1802        | 900         | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |  |
| 1205 18  | 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent       |  |                             |             |             |  |          |  |
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